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WASHINGTON--TWO DISTINGUISHED AUTHORS -- DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER AND ALLEN W. DULLES -- GOT TOGETHER HERE LAST NIGHT TO DISCUSS THEIR LATEST BOOKS AND EXCHANGE A FEW REMINISCENCES.

IN DOING SO THEY EVER SO SLIGHTLY LIFTED THE CURTAIN OF MYSTERY THAT SURROUNDS THE ESPIONAGE AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICES THAT BOTH KNOW SO WELL.

EISENHOWER ALL BUT CONFIRMED -- WITHOUT REALLY MENTIONING NAMES -- THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN OVER THROWING A PRO-COMMUNIST REGIME IN GUATEMALA IN 1954.

AND DULLES SAID THAT IT WAS UNDER HIS ORDERS AS HEAD OF THE CIA THAT THE UNITED STATES OBTAINED A COPY OF SOVIET PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV'S FAMOUS 1956 SPEECH DENOUNCING STALIN.

BOTH MEN WERE SPEAKERS AT THE 63RD CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN BOOKSELLERS ASSOCIATION. BOTH WILL HAVE BOOKS COMING OUT THIS FALL -- EISENHOWER'S 'MANDATE FOR CHANGE,' THE FIRST OF TWO VOLUMES OF MEMOIRS ABOUT HIS EIGHT YEARS IN OFFICE, AND DULLES, 'THE CRAFT OF INTELLIGENCE.'

DULLES SAID HE HAD ISSUED ORDERS TO AGENTS IN THE FIELD TO GET HOLD OF THE KHRUSHCHEV SPEECH, MADE AT THE SOVIET 20TH PARTY CONGRESS. IT TOOK THREE MONTHS, HE SAID, BUT THE UNITED STATES GOT IT AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT MADE IT PUBLIC.

"AND THAT SPEECH IS STILL WORKING AND CREATING TROUBLE IN THE COMMUNIST CAMP," HE SAID.

"WHEN KHRUSHCHEV DENOUNCED STALIN AND REPUDIATED THE 'CULT OF PERSONALITY' IN THAT SPEECH," DULLES ADDED, "HE HELD OUT THE HOPE OF MORE FREEDOM TO THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE. HE OPENED THE CULTURAL DOOR A CRACK. IN DOING THIS, HE OPENED UP A PANDORA'S BOX OF TROUBLE FOR THE COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIP."

THE RESULT, THE FORMER CIA CHIEF ADDED, IS THAT "KHRUSHCHEV'S GREATEST PREOCCUPATION TODAY IS, I BELIEVE. . .HOW TO DEAL WITH THE AWAKENING CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE EDUCATED CLASSES AMONG THE PEOPLES OF THE SOVIET UNION. THEY ARE BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUE MEANING OF A COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIP."

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